

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2014 – Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street – Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of April 14, 2014

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Mark Furkis representing FLA (Future Ligonier Alliance)

Three bases and way finding signs are nearly completed and FLA will work with the city on the placement for the signs before sending to INDOT for approval. Possible sites are the north side near Pettit Park, the Visitor's Bureau, and downtown near Lake City Bank. John Pettit added that FLA will need a letter of support from the city in support of the project to send with the contract to INDOT.

Motion to allow Mayor Fisel to draft a letter in support of the way finding signs: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

The Mayor thanked FLA for their efforts in getting the way finding sign program started. FLA members stated that donations would be accepted to help sponsor a sign.

Octavia Lehman

Mayor Fisel introduced Octavia Lehman of KPC News. She works mainly with the Star but will now be covering the Ligonier council meetings. Mayor Fisel added that she appreciates Octavia attending.

Unfinished Business

▪ Update on Garment Building

Advertisements for bids to demo the old Wirk Garment building, now owned by the city, were placed in the Advance-Leader on 4/24/14 and will appear again on 5/1/14. Bids will be opened at the BOW meeting on May 14, 2014. We had five requests for information packets prior to the ad and two additional after. This building will be taken down with a DR-2 Clearance Grant recently awarded to the city.

A separate ad for bids to demo the former Superior building, now owned by the city, on Fourth Street was placed. These bids will also be opened at the BOW meeting on May 14, 2014.

New Business

▪ CF-1 for Vibracoustic (3 – Personal Property)

Compliance forms (CF-1) from Vibracoustic for three separate personal property tax abatements were received.

Motion to approve all three CF-1's for Vibracoustic: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 42220-42271

Motion to approve: Kelly Ware

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The photo fund raiser is wrapping up. Thanks to everyone who participated. The funds allow the purchase of batteries and CO monitors.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Dead ash and maple trees were removed from the city right of way along with dead trees at the park and water department. Mayor Fisel would like to see the city pursue an ordinance on how, what type, and where trees can be planted in the right of way. We are almost to the point where the dead trees have been taken out and we can begin planting new trees. We will consult with Jason Becker regarding this project.
- A local resident dumped debris from a home tear down at the compost site. Mike is working with Code Enforcement Officer Mike Alexander to see that they are contacted to remove the waste from the site. The compost site is for tree and yard waste only.

WWTP Superintendent Mark Schultz

- Kenny Sprague and John Layman have been working diligently on the collection system. They have discovered and taken care of many problems with the catch basins and manholes. They discovered two small water main breaks in the process.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- We are working a couple of small projects for the storm water utility.
- The advertisement for bids on the Phase II Wastewater project will be opened at a special BOW meeting to be held on May 21, 2014.
- Crack sealing bids for the city streets were opened at the April 26, 2014 BOW meeting. The contract was awarded to Pavement Solutions of Middletown, IN at \$33,396.00.
- We are putting together specs for the 2014 paving program which will be advertised for bids in May.
- API Construction will supply the labor to fix erosion on State Road 5 North near the Hen House Salon.

City Attorney Steve Hagen

- We are revising the bond ordinance for the Phase II Wastewater project due to changes in the financing. The bond will be offered at the Council meeting of May 29, 2014 and must be passed at that time.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The city was notified by IDEM of an air permit application for Tower Structural Laminating. Additional information regarding the application is available at the library.
- There are good things happening in the city – thanks to everyone.
- Thanks to FLA for their initiative in pursuing the Way Finding Signs.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell